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He further says: "We take a lively interest in this matter, and can assure you of our cooperation in everything that would tend to maintain the healthfulness of our port and to prevent the spread of any infection to the shipping." He has written to the Boston offices for information upon this subject, and will forward same to me.

I will write you as soon as I hear from Mr. Keith.

Respectfully,

J. GREY THOMAS,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

CUBA.

*Reports from Cienfuegos, Casilda, and Santa Cruz del Sur.*

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *August 13, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended August 11, 1900, 21 deaths have occurred in this city from the following causes: Tuberculosis, 3; paludism, 3; pernicious fever, 2; arterial sclerosis, 2; enteritis, 1; bronchitis, 1; meningitis, 1; mitral insufficiency, 1; malaria, 1; anæmia, chronic, 1; alcoholism, 1; congestion of liver, 1; cerebral hemorrhage, 1; senility, 1; intestinal hemorrhage, 1. Six of these deaths occurred in the civil hospital. Death rate, 27.38. No contagious diseases exist in this vicinity. Nothing suspicious has been reported from Rowell Barracks, Pasa Cabella. Twelve vessels have been inspected during the week. Six vessels have been issued bills of health outside this district. One alien steerage passenger was inspected and allowed to land. Twenty pieces baggage from Havana were disinfected. Nine health certificates were issued.

*Casilda.*—Dr. Alejandro Cantero reports 3 deaths in Trinidad during the week. No contagious diseases. Health of port good. Inspected 4 vessels during the week.

*Santa Cruz del Sur.*—Dr. Juan R. Xiques reports no deaths in that port during the week. No contagious diseases. Health of port good. Inspected 8 vessels during the week.

Respectfully,

F. E. TROTTER,

*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

[Cablegram.]

*Yellow fever at Cienfuegos.*

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *August 17, 1900.*

Health officer reports a case of yellow fever in lazaretto, this city. This case and the 1 reported on the 14th are all that have so far occurred.

TROTTER,

*Quarantine Officer.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *August 19, 1900.*

One case of yellow fever removed from Hotel Continental yesterday and isolated outside city, patient a Spaniard, four months resident of

Cienfuegos, all which has been spent at Hotel Bernard; American reported on 14th has anuria and is not expected to live. Case yellow fever, Spaniard, in lazaretto, reported 17th, died same day heart failure. Have made due inquiry and am sure these 3 cases are all that have occurred so far. Hotel undoubtedly infected. Municipal authorities have matter in hand and are disinfecting premises. Have wired chief surgeon for instructions; do not consider a spread of the disease to any extent probable.

TROTTER,  
*Quarantine Officer.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

[Telegram.]

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *August 19, 1900.*

Bernard, American, reported 14th with yellow fever, died this afternoon.

TROTTER.  
*Quarantine Officer.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

[Telegram.]

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *August 21, 1900.*

Case of yellow fever reported on 18th [19th?] died Sunday night; the 3 cases reported to date have all ended fatally.

TROTTER,  
*Quarantine Officer.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Reports from Matanzas, Cardenas, and Isabela de Sagua.*

MATANZAS, CUBA, *August 8, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the following sanitary report of the quarantine district under my command during the week ended August 4, 1900:

*Matanzas.*—Twenty deaths occurred in the city of Matanzas during the period covered by this report, showing a mortality of 23.04 per 1,000. The principal causes of death were as follows: Tuberculosis, 4; enteritis, 2; rickets, 2; meningitis, 2; cerebral hemorrhage, 1; broncho-pneumonia, 1; atresia, 1; malaria, 1; other causes, 6. The following cases of infectious or contagious character were reported: Infectious fever, 4; dysentery, 2; diphtheria, 2. Eleven vessels arrived during the week; 8 of these were passed without inspection and 3 inspected and passed. Eight bills of health were issued to foreign vessels. The British steamship *Widdrington*, bound for Mobile, Ala., was disinfected at this port on August 1, 1900. Eighty-six health certificates were issued to persons leaving the island, 2 of these via Havana. One hundred and five pieces of baggage were inspected and passed and 35 pieces belonging to passengers from Havana were disinfected; 47 bundles of clothes and bedding of the steamship *Widdrington* were also disinfected.

*Cardenas.*—Acting Asst. Surg. Enrique Saez reports that 22 deaths occurred in Cardenas during the week. The principal causes of death